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11. (SBU) On June 5, Embassy Defense Threat Reduction Office LES spoke with Uzbekistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Legal Chief Rashidov. Rashidov hedged a little on the initial intent of the Umbrella Agreement extension diplomatic note, stating that CTR activities are not being halted, and should proceed as usual. The Government of Uzbekistan does, however, expect that the visit of a team to work out details related to their implementation concerns take place in the near future. Rashidov implied that the GOU intends to impose some restrictions with regard to the four concerns laid out in its diplomatic note (reftel) until its concerns are addressed. MFA Americas Desk Chief Ismat Faizullaev reiterated the same points in a separate conversation with Embassy LES. Post encourages a team to visit Tashkent as soon as possible to avoid creating any impression that the United States is dragging its feet on negotiations.

12. (SBU) Post requests that DOD submit names and passport data of team members as soon as possible so that it can engage immediately with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to ensure expedited visa processing.

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